

Ford Will be Asked To Withdraw His Muscle Shoals Plan

Political Advisers Think Acceptance of His Offer Would Definitely Remove Him as Presidential Possibility—Would not be "Morally Eligible"

(By United Press.)
Washington, Aug. 26.—Efforts to get Henry Ford to withdraw his offer for the leasing of the government nitrate and power project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., for the reason that acceptance of his bid by Congress would remove any possibility of his being a future presidential or senatorial candidate, will be made very shortly by a group of Ford political backers, it was learned here today.

Word will be taken to the Detroit auto manufacturer that if he should be successful in obtaining control at Muscle Shoals he would be forced to discard any ambitions he may have of again running for high office. No one holding such a prominent contractual relationship with the government as his leasing of Muscle Shoals would involve, would be "morally eligible" for federal office, it will be pointed out.

Ford was a senatorial candidate against Senator Newberry in Michigan two years ago and, although he renounced politics emphatically after that defeat, rumor has it he is again casting his eyes toward politics.

Commenting on the Ford offer today, Representative Brennan, republican of Detroit, one of the staunchest supporters of the Ford proposal, said: "Of course, acceptance of his offer would definitely remove Ford from national politics, and that answers the charges of the democrats that Muscle Shoals legislation is being held back for partisan reasons. If the republicans were playing politics, as the democrats claim, they would speedily give Muscle Shoals to Ford, knowing that he would no longer bother them as a candidate for president or senator."

The controversy over Muscle Shoals is growing more heated in the house every day, with democratic leaders warning they will make a political issue with the farmers out of the refusal of administration forces to permit the Ford offer to come to vote. As a part of their campaign to force action on Muscle Shoals, the democrats are blocking republican plans for a three-day recess in the house.

In an effort to quiet down the demands of the democrats, Republican Leader Mondell may within the next few days pledge himself on the floor to a program which would bring action on the Ford offer before Congress adjourns this session—probably after the November elections.

Kaiser Bill to Remarry

London, Aug. 26.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm is again reported to be about to form a matrimonial alliance with a widow of a German of high birth, according to the London Times.

The newspaper stated that Wilhelm's fiancée is almost of royal rank and is the mother of three children. She was lately a guest of his home. It is reported the marriage will occur early in the coming winter. The Times says this is not the woman to whom Kaiser was rumored to have become engaged to some time ago.

Successful Concert

Several thousand persons last night attended the band concert given by the U. S. Army Band from Fort Hunt, Va. The concert took place at the corner of Washington and Prince streets and was greatly enjoyed. The band was under the direction of Francis Leigh.

The program heretofore published in the Gazette was carried out.

There will be a meeting of the Republican Committee in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Everything is in readiness for the regatta which will be held beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon by the Old Dominion Boat Club, Inc. The program heretofore published in the Gazette will be carried out.

Several arks at the Dyke, several miles below this city, were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin late Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Harlow are spending their vacation at northeast Harbor, Maine. They were joined Thursday by Mr. M. B. Harlow and his daughter, Miss Mary Harlow.

No further news has been received concerning the whereabouts of Charles P. Holden, missing from the home of his son, Charles F. Holden, in Rosemont, since August 11.

Bible Thought for Today

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.—Proverbs 29: 2

Prominent Men Of Alexandria



Starting out to make a career for himself, Claude W. Fletcher made his first money in Alexandria as a telegrapher for the Southern Railway more than 20 years ago. From Telegrapher Fletcher was promoted to Train Dispatcher then; to the Passenger Department of the Southern and later General Passenger Agent of the Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis Railway Company. For the past seven years Mr. Fletcher has been engaged in the automobile business and recently took over the exclusive Agency for the Buick automobile under the firm name of the Fletcher Motor Company.

Fletcher married Miss Rena Ticer, of Alexandria, and have three children, two boys and one girl. Fletcher has been actively identified with Progressive Alexandria movements for many years. He is a member of the Common council of the third ward; is a prominent Mason and a believer in church going.

Mr. Fletcher was born at Strasburg, December 26, 1880.

BARKING DOG SAVES TWO IN HOUSE FIRE

House Occupied By Harry B. Gray Completely Destroyed

ORIGIN UNKNOWN CHARGED TO BOYS

Occupants Have Narrow Escape, Dog Arouses Two Men From Their Slumbers.

The barking of an Airedale dog saved the lives of Harry B. Gray and Clarence Kettland at 4 o'clock this morning when the house of Gray on King street road extended in Fairfax county, was destroyed by fire.

Both men were asleep on the second floor of the house. Mr. Gray's wife being away on a visit, and when they were aroused by the constant barking of the dog they discovered the place on fire. Both men hurriedly dressed and when they got out of the house the place, a two-story frame structure, was completely enveloped in flames. They saved only a small part of the furniture, losing practically everything.

Policeman Lawrence Padgett was notified of the fire and he communicated with Acting Fire Chief William Desmond, and Motor Truck No. 1 went to the scene and used chemicals. However, they were unable to do anything to save the house, there being no water in that section for fire fighting.

At 5:30 o'clock nothing remained of the big frame dwelling but a pile of smoldering timber.

The house was partially insured. It was owned by E. B. Stonnell. Whether or not Mr. Gray carried any insurance is unknown.

According to Mr. Kettland the fire started in the roof of the building. There was no fire in any part of the house and its origin is unknown.

Lynchburg.—The trial of E. V. Gillespie, railroad union official, of Roanoke, under rule charging him with authorizing picketing not permitted by the court's restraining order of July 14, was concluded in the Federal District Court today.

Judge McDowell liberated Gillespie to appear September 15. Evidence was introduced to show that strikers are violating the picketing order in Roanoke, but did not attach the authority for this to Gillespie. He was recalled and denied that he had anything to do with the picketing.

ment commanders and department officers of the legion, numbering a thousand or more, have been instructed to send him telegrams listing the number of ex-service men in their states and calling on him, in the name of all the veterans, to sign the bill. Unless all signs fail, however, he will stand pat and veto the measure when it is sent to him.

ISAAC GREGG.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR FEDERAL OPERATION OF RAILROADS AND MINES

BELLS RUNG FOR FIREMEN

Alexandria Volunteers Back From Hampton Early Today

Report Having Had Most Enjoyable Time at State Convention

The three volunteer fire companies returned at 6 o'clock this morning from Hampton, where they attended the state convention of the Virginia Firemen. As the local firemen left the steamer the fire bells let loose. The fire apparatus was on hand to meet them and the boys were given a big ovation.

Relief Motor Company No. 1, which captured the prize with its band, was headed by the Citizens' Band and then came companies Nos. 4 and 5, which captured the prize for the best decorated reel. The men went to their respective engine houses and later to their homes. In the parade in Hampton Companies Nos. 4 and 5 were headed by the Soldiers' Home Band of Newport News, Va. The firemen report having had a most enjoyable time on the trip.

Put Off Train, Sues

Woman Files \$50,000 Action Against C. & O.—Put Off in Alexandria

Richmond, Va., Aug. 26.—Alleging that a conductor refused to accept her ticket and that she was put off the train at Alexandria while she was en route from Washington to Crozet, Va., Lucy A. Brown filed suit for \$50,000 damages against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in the Federal District Court here yesterday.

The declaration assigned no reason for the refusal of the conductor to accept her ticket.

VIRGINIA NEWS PARAPHRASED

Heathsville.—Captain Jim Lokey, of the Steamer Helen Euphrate, caught a fish recently said to be the first ever seen in these waters. It was brought into Kilmarnock wharf and looked over by a large crowd, and turned over to Mr. Weaver, of Byrdton, who has made a life study of fish. He has discovered that the specimen is known as the sailor's swordfish, and comes from Ceylon, India. It grows to a length of twenty feet. Mr. Weaver is mounting it.

Norfolk.—Police of Norfolk County said today that negroes of Titus-town were about to institute a campaign against A. T. Stroud, who led prohibition officers in the raid against Jim Chambers, negro moonshiner, several weeks ago, resulting in the killing of two officers by Chambers and the latter being shot to death by a posse a few days later.

Early this morning an incendiary burned down a large warehouse in Titus-town belonging to Mr. Stroud. Firemen succeeded in confining the fire to this one building.

Mr. Stroud said he was positive because there was no fire in the building and no means could be discovered for the origin of the fire unless it was started deliberately.

Pulaski.—Capt. Beard, conductor on No. 37 reported a new experience for an August Morning, that of having to turn steam on his train before leaving Roanoke for the comfort of his passengers. In his long years of experience in railroading it is the first time he has done this in the month of August. Hot days and real fall nights are prevalent.

Tumulty Goes To Daughter's Bedside

Washington, Aug. 26.—Joseph P. Tumulty, former private secretary to President Wilson, and Mrs. Tumulty, after hasty preparations, left for New York at midnight last night where they will sail on the S. S. Majestic at noon today to visit their daughter, Miss Mary Tumulty, who, they have been informed by the State Department, has developed pneumonia.

Thomas H. Claffey, a friend of the family, will accompany them.

Miss Tumulty was injured several days ago in an automobile accident on the Munich-Oberammergau road, Germany. Mrs. Mary McCallum who also was injured in the accident, died shortly after being removed to a hospital.

First reports stated that Miss Tumulty's condition was serious but later reports were optimistic and said she was on the way to recovery.

Timothy T. Ansbury, a friend of Mr. Tumulty, who was in Vienna, has left for the Weillheim hospital where he will keep Mr. Tumulty informed as to his daughter's condition.

Seizure of Railroads Not Contemplated Until Managements Demonstrate Whether They Can Maintain Satisfactory Service

COAL-CARRYING ROADS FIRST TO BE TAKEN

Seizure Plans Mapped Out at Conference Between Senator Cummins, Attorney General Daugherty and President Harding Last Night

(By United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Senator "Jim" Watson, of Indiana, and Charles T. Adams, chairman of the Republican National Committee, went into conference with President Harding at the White House on the rail strike situation this morning.

Senator Watson said he conveyed to the President the developments at the Executive-Brotherhood conference in New York, as related to him by Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific Railway.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Plans for federal operation of the anthracite mines and railroads that fail to function, have been completed by President Harding and his advisers. It was made known today as the anthracite and railroad strikes appeared hopelessly deadlocked.

A final report will be made to bring about peace in the hard coal fields. If this fails Senator Cummins, after a conference with the President, said he would introduce a measure next week calling for federal operation of the mines.

Seizure of the railroads is not contemplated until the managements have been given full opportunity to demonstrate their ability to maintain satisfactory service.

If the lines show signs of breaking down, Cummins said another measure for seizure of the roads will be placed before Congress.

It is not the intention of the government to make a nationwide seizure of the roads at one time, although the bill giving the president the power to take over the lines may vest him with blanket authority to operate the entire transportation system at one time, Cummins made it known.

The moves for the enactment of legislation empowering the president to seize both the anthracite mines and the railroads grew out of a sort of a panic fear that suddenly arose in the Senate and House over the critical industrial situation.

The anthracite strike has cut off the coal supply of the great industrial states of the east and New England, threatening actual suffering this winter, while it seems improbable that the railroads will be able to move the coal.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Deeds of conveyance for the following pieces of property today were placed on record in the office of the clerk of the corporation court: Walter L. Kidwell and wife to Irving C. Waugh, house and lot 23, section 5, Rosemont; Miss Anne L. Jones to Mrs. Bertha Hayden and husband, Thomas B. Hayden, house and lot 11; Duke street; Mrs. Cora Jones Davis to Mary Hayden, house and lot 112 Duke street.

COAL STRIKE

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—Hope for early settlement of the anthracite suspension has been revived.

After a conference last night with John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, Senator George Wharton Pepper, Pennsylvania, declared that "no insurmountable difficulties exist in the path of anthracite peace."

Indications that the joint conference which ended abruptly last Tuesday may be resumed in the near future, is found in reports that Secretary of Labor Davis and Hymel Davies, chief conciliator of the Bureau of Labor, probably will hold a conference with Lewis some time today.

The conference between Senator Pepper and Lewis lasted nearly three hours. Others present included Philip Murray, international vice-president of the mine workers and Wm. A. Glasgow, Jr., counsel for the miners.

"This meeting I have had with Mr. Lewis has been purely on my own initiative," Senator Pepper said. "We went over the entire history of the anthracite industry, and the various settlements that have been effected from time to time. I was interested in obtaining the miners viewpoint on them and particularly in the present situation. With this knowledge I will be more able to understand affairs with the operators."

Senator Pepper said he did not know when he would see Samuel D. Warriner, spokesman for the operators, but thought it would probably be Monday. Warriner is out of the city at the present time.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, arrived here late yesterday. He went to the Bellevue Stratford hotel, where Lewis has established headquarters.

Gompers said he did not come here to advise Lewis, but to assist him if possible. He said the matter was entirely in the hands of Lewis and his assistants. After a conference with Lewis Gompers said he strongly supported the miners' chief in his actions in the hard coal controversy.